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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

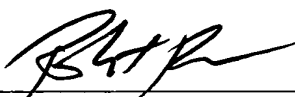
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated September 24, 2004, applicants
comment on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance as follows:

Applicants respectfully note that claim 2 is separately patentable from claim 24 and that claim 26 is separately patentable from claims 2, 20 and 24. Moreover, applicants respectfully note that each claim is patentable by virtue of the entirety of the invention claimed and not merely for the particular recitations commented upon by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,
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